Town Board Meeting January 16, 2024

In Attendance:

Kevin Bean – Supervisor

Anna Bowers – Councilperson Jean Comstock – Town Clerk Paul Heid – Councilperson Jim Williams – Councilperson Arnold Stevens - Councilperson

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Matt Allen

2. Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

3. Approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2024 Board Meeting

RESOLUTION # 14 - 24

Ms. Bower made a Motion to approve and accept the Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2024 and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

4. Resolution for Workers Compensation Budget Line Transfer – Mr. Williams – there were questions in breaking down from the different departments and allocate funds from various departments; as Warren County did this, they indicated that they could not break it down; we were under budget; if we get it early again next year; maybe get better rates shopping around; Mr. Bean – where is the highest workers comp; we'll get a better understanding of it.

RESOLUTION # 15 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Budget Line Transfer for the Worker's Compensation and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

5. Resolution to Establish Kevin Bean as Authorized Official – Supervisor Bean read the Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 16 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the authorization of establishing Mr. Bean as the authorized official and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

6. Resolution to Sign Cedarwood Contract – Supervisor Bean - engineering services for water and sewer, they have been the point of contact for water, sewer and emergencies; rates are included.

RESOLUTION # 17 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Cedarwood Contract and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

7. Resolution to Sign Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner Town Attorney Contract — Supervisor Bean - received information on the Elderwood situation; they have a pretty good handle on what is going on and what is needed; Mr. Williams — it was a good give and take and got us up to speed with projects; good meeting.

RESOLUTION # 18 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Contract with Miller, Mannix, Schachner and Hafner and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

8. Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Warren County Hazardous Mitigation Plan – Supervisor Bean - I met with Ernie and discussed this; Mr. Williams – is this for 2023 or 2024; Ernie Dunkley – it's adopted in 2023 for 2024 and is updated every 3 to 5 years at the County's discretion.

RESOLUTION # 19 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve and adopt the 2023 Warren County Hazardous Mitigation Plan and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

9. Resolution to Accept Contract with North Shore Solutions — Supervisor Bean - the website is in need of help; they are the webhost and handle our e-mail; I have heard the website is difficult to deal with; other changes can come down the road; for the time being I think this our best option. Ms. Bowers — who is doing the work? Supervisor Bean — William Muller is doing it for free. Mr. Williams — we need to be bold with our website, things need to change, links available. Ms. Bowers — Dave Putman has given us a rate to help us out and I can do some research on this. Town Clerk — can whoever is doing the website design/layout work with the people at Town Hall that will need to be able to update it and access it?

RESOLUTION # 20 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to accept the Contract with North Shore Solutions and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

10. Resolution to Approve the Mileage Rate at the Current IRS Rate – Supervisor Bean - we'll keep it at the IRS rate so we don't have to do a Resolution each time it changes.

RESOLUTION # 21 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve using the IRS rate and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

11. Resolution to Add a Childcare Committee to Standing Committees – Katy Ashe, Allison Gonyo, Erwin Morris, Anna Bowers – Ms. Bowers – it's an economic issue in the community; quality childcare is needed; I met with Executive Director of the her, a lot of great resources with the County; survey done by Lily Gaechter; ARPA money available to get people started and needs to be spent by 2026. Katy & Allison are moms and work at school, Erwin was head of Cheerful Crickets; we'll have an organizational meeting to work on a 3-5 year plan.

RESOLUTION # 22 - 24

Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the organization of the Childcare Committee to the Standing Committees and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

12. Resolution Directing Transfer of Surplus Funds – moved from Board Budget line to Recreational – for fees for swimming fees, skating rink, etc.

RESOLUTION # 23 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the move from the Board Budget Line to the Recreational Budget Line with the forfeiture of salary of a Board Member and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Member voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes -4 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens); Nays -0; Abstain -1 (Williams)

13. Resolution to Approve Ad for Board of Assessment Review Vacancy

RESOLUTION # 24 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion approving the Town Clerk to place an ad for one Member for the Board of Assessment Review Vacancy and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

14. Resolution to Approve the Additional Parts to Complete the Boiler Installation at the Highway Garage, not to exceed \$6,000 – Supervisor Bean - temporary heaters have been returned and the Highway Department has heat; Mr. Stevens - we've switched over from fuel oil to propane? Supervisor Bean - 900 gallons every two weeks; now have two 1,000 gallons of propane at about \$2.00/gallon; Mr. Williams – 98% efficient? Just on fuel oil alone it will be a savings; while I don't like overruns, we can make the money up.

RESOLUTION # 25 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the additional parts for the boiler at the Highway Garage and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

15. 30-day waiver for Bar Vino – Town Clerk explained that it was a Class Change to serve liquor instead of just wine, beer and cider; Mr. Williams – what does this do to their hours of operation? Town Clerk - this application is strictly to change the class of the license. Ms. Bowers – having been in the business, it's hard to deal with State; let's help a small business.

RESOLUTION # 26 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the 30-Waiver to change the class of the license for barVino and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

16. Committee Reports – Ms. Bowers – read her Committee Reports that are included in the packet; looking to add new members to some of the standing committees; Mr. Heid – Arthur Webb would be a great addition; Mr. Williams – read his committee reports that are also included in the packet; met with Kelly Nessle, grant time frame doesn't work; comments from DEC were sent to Engineer and will be addressed this week; no interest on Building Committee; looking at 3rd party insurance; looking at what has free household garbage had on recycling.

Deana Wood – I'm the Town Historian and work at the Historical Society as well; Mr. Bean asked why my office was at Town Hall; it all needs to be kept separate.

17. Warrants – Mr. Stevens – Page 2 - \$10,500 for doors – what doors? Mr. Bean – they are outer doors for Tannery Pond; Mr. Williams – questioned Mitchell Stone is that FEMA refundable? Mr. Comstock – yes it will be providing the County meets the requirements, which I believe they are well over at this point.

RESOLUTION # 27 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to accept and approve the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes -5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

ABSTRACT #025

TOTAL	\$ 68,681.01
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 3,542.51
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 19,804.58
GENERAL FUND:	\$ 46,333.92

ABSTRACT #002

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 21,720.69
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 58,652.76
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:	\$ 5,915.50
LIBRARY FUND:	\$ 372.90
TRUST & AGENCY:	\$ 1,213.20
TOTAL	\$ 87,875.05

18. Privilege of the Floor –

- Deana Wood there's a snow train celebration 2/22/24 10th Mountain Division presentation here at Tannery Pond; it's quite an interesting story and presentation and fund raisER for the Historical Society; a speaker from Ft. Drum has been invited as well.
- Bruce Ashline FEMA money cutoff from Town and County? Mr. Comstock Town is \$102,000. And County is over at \$1.5 million.
- Janet Konis what is the allotment for? Mr. Comstock \$775 per person for workrelated clothing, dental, eye glass reimbursement; all departments get it, except Elected Officials.
- Bob Nessle \$750,000 from the Federal Government what was that for? Supervisor Bean for the sewer; approval of Cedarwood for water and sewer, the information I've received is totally unacceptable; I have a degree in civil engineering; I'm assuming there was a contract done, but we never hear about these things; the analysis was about the Oranko system; the only other one is at Ski Bowl Village; the Oranko system didn't make it in my engineering classes; Oranko is going in the wrong direction, believe me I know; good luck with that; no faith in Cedarwood; how much money was transferred in 2024 from Supervisor Smith for recreation; Mr. Williams I forfeited my \$5,000 pay.
- Janet Konis vacant land by Sarah's billboards are up without permits; when will it be taken down; Supervisor Bean it's private property, I'll have to look into that.
- John Sleckman coordinate with other Towns to have the History Weekend; Occ Tax
 use it for office staff for virtual chamber of commerce.

- Deana Wood Depot Museum, GEM Radio, Historical Society we've met to do dates September 13 – 15th; Chamber of Commerce – it is a separate entity from Town business.
- Tom Volcheck bring back another Whitewater Weekend with music; I'd be happy to help bring some talent to the area; working on the Bolton Music Festival.
- 19. Motion to Adjourn Supervisor Bean any further comments? I'll entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

RESOLUTION # 28 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:07PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

Prepared by:

Jean M. Comstock

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THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 7:00PM
AT TANNERY POND AND VIRTUAL